

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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Geneva (Switzerland), 7-11 July 2014

Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Species trade and conservation

ILLEGAL TRADE IN CHEETAHS (*ACINONYX JUBATUS*)

TOR of the Inter-sessional Working Group on Illegal Trade in Cheetah (IWG)

Chair:

Kuwait

Working Group Members:

Botswana, South Africa, Kuwait, Kenya, Oman, Zimbabwe, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Uganda, UAE, Chair of Animal Committee, Born Free Foundation, IUCN, Panthera, Wildlife Conservation Society, Zoological Society of London, Elephant Action League, International Fund for Animal Welfare, Species Survival Network and WWF.

Meetings and mode of operation of the IWG:

The members of IWG shall communicate by electronic means between meetings of the Standing Committee.

Responsibilities of the IWG:

1. Consider the results of the study presented in Annexes 1 and 2 of document SC65 Doc. 39 (Rev. 2) undertaken in accordance with Decision 16.71;
2. Consider the recommendations of the AC presented in Annex 3 of document SC65 Doc. 39 (Rev. 2), and made in accordance with Decision 16.72;
3. Develop recommendations to address the illegal trade in cheetahs and report at the 66th meeting of the Standing Committee;
4. Work with the Secretariat to develop a questionnaire for all Cheetah Range and Consumer States to document the status of the implementation and enforcement of CITES provisions relevant to the trade in Cheetahs, and the challenges experienced by these States. A draft of the questionnaire will be prepared by 15 August 2014 and finalized by the IWG by 1 September 2014. The Secretariat should contact relevant Parties, inviting them to complete the questionnaire and return it by 15 November 2015;
5. Convene a workshop of illegal take of and trade in cheetahs, taking into the account the information gathered through the questionnaire, subject to the availability of funding; and
6. Coordinate with the Secretariat the organization of a workshop with the terms of reference specified in paragraph 3 of Annex 3 of document SC65 Doc. 39 (Rev. 2), subject to the availability of funding.